

Can you help restock the pantry?

We are deeply grateful to our parishioners for answering the call to help the hungry through Our Lady of Mercy Food Pantry. The donations have helped tremendously – but inflation and difficult times are still sending increasing numbers to the pantry. In August, we served 71 families, compared to 38 families one year ago. May God bless you for your help and we again ask for your help in restocking the pantry.

The following is needed to fulfill standard items for the monthly pantry food bags. We are in particular need of diapers, cooking oil, and juice. (The next pantry will be on Saturday, September 17, at 1 pm in the church parking lot.) We ask for non-perishable items only, and only sizes that can be used by individual families, rather than large restaurant-sized items. Donations can be left on the parish office porch at 502 S. Main Street. Again, many thanks for your generosity.

Pantry bag items:

- Detergent, liquid (need 30)
- Cooking oil - 48 oz. containers (need 50)
- Juice - 48 or 64 oz. (need 50)
- Pasta sauce, plastic jars or cans (need 30)
- Coffee (need 50)
- Milk, shelf-stable containers (need 45)
- Cereal/ oatmeal (need 50)
- Pancake mix (need 60)
- Pancake syrup (need 60)
- Black beans – 1- or 2-lb bags (need 25)
- White rice – 1- or 2-lb bags (need 20)
- Jelly (need 35)
- Peanut butter (need 20)
- Snacks (drink boxes, granola bars, etc.) (need 45)
- Diapers, sizes 2, 3, 6, and 7
- Baby wipes



Special collection of women's toiletries

Like diapers, toiletries for women, especially feminine products, are a basic necessity but extremely expensive – sometimes prohibitively expensive for those in financial need. We are setting up special toiletry bags for distribution at the pantry and would greatly appreciate any of these donations:

- Tampons and/or sanitary napkins
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Hair conditioner
- Body wash